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Issue#	Issue	Coordination	Lead Agency
S1	Increase in demand for emergency response services	1	All
<i>General Location:</i> System wide			
<i>Recommendations</i> Local agencies will need to make staffing case to elected officials.			
S2	Course of action in short-term for high-crash intersections/segments in study area	0	All
<i>General Location:</i> High-crash intersections and segments throughout the study area.			
<i>Recommendations</i> Review signing, striping, access and enforcement until long-term solutions implemented.			
S3	Traffic enforcement	1	All
<i>General Location:</i> System wide			
<i>Recommendations</i> Target high problem areas or conduct saturation patrols to increase level of effectiveness and visibility for costs incurred.			
S4	Increase in train speeds, length and weight - impact on crossing safety	1	All
<i>General Location:</i> Regional			
<i>Recommendations</i> With change in rail operations, it is important to check crossings in area to make that sight distance and warning signs are present. Crossing consolidation should be emphasized if crossings are duplicated or infrequently used.			
SY1	On-road bicycle facilities (transportation and recreational function)	3	All
<i>General Location:</i> System wide			
<i>Recommendations</i> Develop an overall trail and on-road bicycle system. Coordinate connections between recreational and transportation uses.			
CS1	Drivers using Van Brunt Street as a cut-through from West Mankato to the hilltop area	2	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> Van Brunt Street at intersection with BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd)			
<i>Recommendations</i> Consider a median on BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) at intersection with Van Brunt Street to prevent left turns onto Van Brunt Street (when converted to a two-way street).			

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CS2	Increased volumes on BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Road), need for widening, pedestrian paths	3	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) - from Pleasant St. to the BEC CSAH 90 (South Route)			
<i>Recommendations</i> City and county are working to resolve road width issues; project would then move forward.			
S10	Red Jacket Trail crossing on Doc Jones Road	1	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> Intersection of Red Jacket Trail with Doc Jones Rd.			
<i>Recommendations</i> Post signage on the Red Jacket Trail and Doc Jones Road. Trim trees near the intersection to improve visibility. Long-term improvements, a box culvert for g separation, can be made when Doc Jones is upgraded.			
S11	Rail crossing safety on BEC CSAH 3	1	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> Rail crossing: BEC CSAH 3			
<i>Recommendations</i> Check appropriateness of warning devices and clear brush to improve visibility of approaching trains.			
S13	Railroad blocks BEC CSAH 12 (Industrial Road)	1	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 12 (Industrial Park Road) - at intersection with railroad (near scrap dealer)			
<i>Recommendations</i> BEC to monitor problems. Consider spur realignment to eliminate two crossings.			
S14	Limited visibility and speed issues on BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) intersections (in area of Doc Jones Road)	2	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) - near Doc Jones Road			
<i>Recommendations</i> Reconstruct curves to correct superelevation problems and sight problems. Improvements should conform to long-term objectives for BEC CSAH 16 (capacity trails/paths).			
S6	Pedestrian safety BEC CSAH 60 (Stadium Road)	3	Blue Earth County
<i>General Location:</i> Near MSU campus			
<i>Recommendations</i> As a short-term solution, median treatments and fencing will be installed to prevent students from crossing mid-block. Long-term solutions need to be developed and implemented to prevent a similar incident from recurring.			

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S7	MSU students crossing without regard to traffic control devices and designated crossing locations.	3	Blue Earth County
<p><i>General Location:</i> CSAH 60 (Stadium Rd) from Ellis Avenue to BEC CSAH 8 (Monks Ave.)</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Consolidate access and pedestrian crossings locations. Install median fencing to prevent students from crossing mid-block. Look at long-term pedestrian and parking solutions.</p>			
S8	High speeds on BEC CSAH 90	1	Blue Earth County
<p><i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 90 from TH 22 to TH 169</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> BEC CSAH 90 was constructed as a southern bypass to Mankato. As such, it is intended to provide a highlevel of mobility (high-speed) with minimal stops or delays. Consider increased traffic enforcement.</p>			
S9	High speeds on BEC CSAH 8	2	Blue Earth County
<p><i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 8 from 5th St. to BEC CSAH 90</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Conduct speed study; city is installing sidewalks to reduce level of conflicts.</p>			
SY5	Need to develop better BEC CSAH 60 (Stadium Rd) connection to Victory Dr.	3	Blue Earth County
<p><i>General Location:</i> BEC CSAH 60 (Stadium Road) - Map Drive to BEC CSAH 83</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Consider alignment that turns BEC CSAH 60 (Stadium Rd) to north to provide 7 intersection or cross street with BEC CSAH 82 (see the concept in Appendix E).</p>			
O1	Residential, commercial and industrial developments need to accommodate other modes of transportation.	1	Cities
<p><i>General Location:</i> System wide</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Specific criteria should be developed to make sure that other modes of transportation are considered as part of the planning process for approving site plans (pedestrian bicycles and transit).</p>			
C1	Improvements to Cherry Street	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Cherry Street from 5th St. to Riverfront Drive</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Develop Cherry St as two through lanes, two parking lanes with right and left turn lanes added at the following locations: right turn lanes at 4th St, Broad St and CB alley north and south of Front St at parking ramp; left turn lanes added at 4th, B and Front St.</p>			

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C2	Continue improvements on remaining segment of 2nd Street	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> 2nd Street from Main Street to Cherry</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Convert the four-lane facility to a three-lane roadway with parking on both sides. This should be a continuation of the improvements that were completed on the Cherry to Warren segment of 2nd Street.</p>			
CS4	Parking on 1st Avenue hinders truck movements	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> 1st Avenue, Mankato</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Mankato could consider parking restrictions near entrances along 1st Avenue.</p>			
CS5	High number of left turns into MSU parking lot causing backups	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Birchwood Street from Warren Street to Ellis Avenue</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Restripe Birchwood Street from two-lane facility to a three-lane roadway with a center left turn facility, eliminating parking on both sides.</p>			
CS6	Parking and access on Riverfront Drive between Plum Street and Vine Street	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Riverfront Drive between Plum Street and Vine Street</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Undertake a study to determine the impacts of removing on-street parking and access closures for driveways between Lime and Vine Street. Once safety and mobility benefits are determined, they should be evaluated against impacts to businesses and residents.</p>			
J2	Jurisdictional responsibility of Madison Avenue	3	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Madison Avenue - Riverfront Drive to TH 22</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Route should be considered for transfer to Blue Earth County jurisdiction. This route provides continuity from the rural area to the central city and provides for higher mobility and lower land access functions.</p>			
O4	Access to ISJ Hospital	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Dickinson Street and Main Street</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Explore the feasibility of adding a turn lane at the hospital entrance.</p>			

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O6	Lamm Street access to Riverfront Drive	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Lamm Street - at potential intersection with Riverfront Drive</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> A traffic study should be completed to identify impacts to traffic volumes on Riverfront Drive, as well as impacts to access spacing guidelines. Consider comprehensive access management study for Riverfront Drive.</p>			
O7	Extension of sewer service	3	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Lake Washington area</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Extension of sewer service should be pursued to address environmental concerns; to encourage sprawl in rural areas.</p>			
S18	Ability of emergency response vehicles to get to crash sites	2	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> TH 22, Madison Avenue near the mall</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Install emergency vehicle preemption (EVP) technology on city and county controlled traffic signals. Support Adams Street and other alternate route options.</p>			
S19	Crosswalk at Marsh St. and Division St. is in wrong location	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Intersection of Marsh St. and Division St.</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Work with Bethany College to identify a location that will better serve students.</p>			
S20	Lack of sidewalks on both sides of the road on four-lane streets in residential areas (Mankato)	2	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> System wide</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Identify locations where four-lane facilities are located. In areas that are developed include sidewalks or trails on both sides of the road where existing or projected volumes exceed 10,000 vehicles per day.</p>			
S22	Intersection safety Fourth Street and Main Street	1	City of Mankato
<p><i>General Location:</i> Intersection of Fourth Street and Main Street</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i> Consider replacing existing poles with those that have masts.</p>			

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S23	Intersection safety Raintree Road and River Hills Mall entrance	1	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Intersection of Raintree Rd. and River Hills Mall entrance			
<i>Recommendations</i> Consider moving/shifting mall entrance and other access point further north/west to gain better intersection spacing and stacking room.			
S26	Intersection safety Warren Street and Riverfront Drive	1	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Warren Street and Riverfront Drive			
<i>Recommendations</i> Review crash reports to determine if there are known crash causes that can be addressed (i.e., visibility issues, geometric issues, signal timing, etc.).			
S27	Segment safety Van Brunt Street	3	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Van Brunt Street from BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) to Center Street			
<i>Recommendations</i> Consider changing this roadway from a one-way to a two-way to create a friction movement, which should calm traffic. Consider removing Van Brunt from the St. Aid system.			
S28	Segment safety Pleasant Street	1	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Pleasant Street from BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd) to Highland Street			
<i>Recommendations</i> Convert this roadway from a one-way to a two-way facility. Parking will need to be removed.			
S29	Segment safety 2nd Street	1	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> 2nd St. from Cherry to Warren			
<i>Recommendations</i> Monitor the number, type and severity of crashes along this corridor to determine if there is a safety problem and identify potential solutions.			
S30	Segment safety Balcerzak Drive	1	City of Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Balcerzak Drive - from Monks Avenue to Warren Street			
<i>Recommendations</i> Signal being proposed for Balcerzak Drive and Warren Street intersection.			

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S32	Segment safety Commerce Drive	1	City of North Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Commerce Drive- from Nicollet County CSAH 13 to Lor Ray Drive			
<i>Recommendations</i> Review corridor to determine potential for consolidating access.			
S33	Segment safety Center Street	1	City of North Mankato
<i>General Location:</i> Center Street - Belgrade Avenue to TH 169			
<i>Recommendations</i> This segment is a short segment, therefore the crash rates are exaggerated. There were seven crashes in a 3 year period on this segment. The city should monitor future crashes.			
S37	Need to improve signage near BEC CSAH 33 and TH 169	1	Mn/DOT
<i>General Location:</i> TH 169 and BEC CSAH 33 intersection.			
<i>Recommendations</i> Review signing and striping at this location.			
SY10	Limited room for bikeway facility on Bottom Road (old Nicollet CSAH 41)	1	Nicollet County
<i>General Location:</i> Nicollet CSAH 41 from junction (north/south segment 41) to Nicollet CSAH 23			
<i>Recommendations</i> Pursue grant money from the DNR or other agencies for a separate pedestrian/bicycle facility at Minnemishiona Falls.			
S38	Mankato West students illegally crossing the road	1	School District
<i>General Location:</i> Riverfront Dr. from BEC CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Rd.) to Popular Ave.			
<i>Recommendations</i> Depending on severity of problem, consider using crossing guards along intersections with Riverfront Dr. before school, during lunch and after school; provide information at homeroom on proper crossing area/procedures.			
O16	Growth in South Bend Township	3	South Bend Township
<i>General Location:</i> In growth areas near the City of Mankato			
<i>Recommendations</i> South Bend should work with Blue Earth County and Mankato to plan for long-term growth. If appropriate, an annexation agreement should be developed. Explore joint representation on planning commissions that review and approve development in growth areas.			